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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION, 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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To the Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2004, the time period for response set to expire January 1, 2005, Applicants request favorable reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Applicants' Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

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